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ALSO FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO UNRWA COMGEN RENNIE FROM ASST. SECRETARY BUFFUM.

2. QUOTE: WHILE FULLY APPRECIATING DILEMMA YOU FACE, I MUCH REGRET HEARING THAT SINCE OUR LAST MEETING CIRCUM-
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STANCES HAVE FURTHER PRESSED YOU TOWARD DECISION TO REDUCE

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UNRWA'S SERVICES. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN MAKING EVERY EFFORT HERE TO GET SUBSTANTIAL HELP FOR YOU IN MEETING UNRWA'S DEFICITS AND US GOVT IS TAKING VERY SYMPATHETIC VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF ASSURING THAT UNRWA PROGRAMS NOT BE DISRUPTED. BILL KONTOS AND I ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO OBTAIN FOR YOU IN JULY ABOUT DOLS 10 MILLION AS AN ADVANCE ON OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTION. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PROSPECTS ARE VERY GOOD THAT AT LATEST BY AUTUMN WE CAN PROVIDE SPECIAL US CONTRIBUTION FOR UNRWA LARGE ENOUGH TO MEET YOUR MOST ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORING UNRWA TO A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION. SPECIFICS AND TIMING OF THIS SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION REQUIRE HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS, WHICH YOU WILL UNDERSTAND ARE NOW SOMEWHAT TIME-CONSUMING. FURTHER THERE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING RESPONSES TO OUR APPROACHES TO SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, AND BAHREIN. ACCORDINGLY, STRONGLY HOPE YOU CAN DEFER NOTIFI-CATION TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS OF IMPENDING REDUCTIONS IN UNRWA'S ACTIVITIES PENDING FURTHER WORD FROM ME. I FULLY RECOGNIZE NATURE OF PROBLEMS YOU FACE BUT SINCERELY BELIEVE THE OUTLOOK IS GOOD ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY ASKING YOU TO BEAR WITH US A LITTLE LONGER. UNQUOTE. RUSH

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